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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS LANSING

PATRICIA L. CARUS DIRECTOR

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To Whom It May Concern:

From July 1999 until October 2005 the Michigan Department of Corrections contracted with the GEO Group, Inc. to house 480 youthful offenders in a state-of-the-art correctional facility located in Lake County, Michigan. The facility was developed, owned and operated by the GEO Group. Due to budgetary constraints, the Department discontinued its use of the facility in mid-October 2005.

While the State of Michigan no longer utilizes this facility, we encourage and support its use by other local, state or federal agencies.

Should you have any questions or request additional information, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Patricia L. Caruso

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Director